

In re Application of: Thomas A. Taylor
Application No.: 10/648,452

Remarks

In the application, claims 3 through 7 and 13 through 17 are pending. No claims are currently allowed.

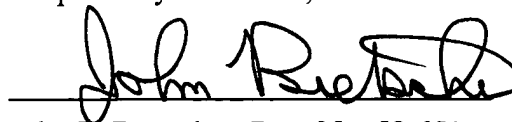
The Office Action dated October 19, 2005, has been carefully considered. The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 7, 11, 12, 17, and 21 through 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,799,701 ("Weiperth"). Claims 8 through 10 and 18 through 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in light of Weiperth. Claims 3 through 6 and 13 through 16 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims but would be allowable if rewritten to remove that dependency.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating the potential allowability of claims 3 through 6 and 13 through 16. In order to expedite allowance, the rejected claims are cancelled (except for claims 7 and 17, for which see below). The otherwise-allowable claims 3, 4, 13, and 14 are promoted to independent status by including all of the elements of their antecedent claims. Claims 7 and 17 are amended to depend from newly independent claims 3 and 13, respectively.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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